

ABANDONING PLANS OF MAKING RIVAL CANAL

Chilean Engineer Fails to Interest Colombian Government in His Scheme.

BOGOTA, Colombia, Nov. 17.—Luis Arturo Underaga, the Chilean engineer, has definitely determined to abandon his efforts to obtain from the Colombian government a concession for his canal project, owing to the fear entertained by Colombia of reprisals on the part of the United States.

Underaga's plan was to construct a rival to the Panama canal. President Gonzalez Valencia is making a desperate effort to have congress adjourn this day, but the senate is determined to reconvene in February and may then elect a president.

When this matter had been settled, he added, the government probably would grant the concessions. Letters exhibited here indicate the willingness of Gorman and British capitalists to build a canal that could not be closed in event of war. Unless the concession is granted, it is feared that discontent fomenting at Antioquia and Cauca will culminate in a revival of threats of secession.

Underaga will sail on November 27 for England by way of New York. The president and congress have appointed a commission to investigate the separation of Panama from Colombia. Francisco De Borda, recently appointed minister to the United States, sailed for that country today.

AMUSEMENTS

IN SALT LAKE THEATERS.

COLONIAL THEATRE.—"The Spiders." Evening, 8:15.

NEW SHUBERT THEATRE.—"The Gay Musician." Evening, 8:15.

GRAND THEATRE.—"The Great Divide." Evening, 8:15.

ORPHEUM THEATRE.—Advanced vaudeville. Matinee, 2:45; evening, 8:15.

BUNGALOW THEATRE.—Pantagruel. Matinee, 2:45; evening, 8:15.

The new Shubert theater was opened on Wednesday evening, "The Gay Musician," Julian Edwards' famous comic opera, being presented.

It was out in force, and an audience in which representative people of Salt Lake appeared. Every seat in the new playhouse was taken.

The Shuberts' endeavor to get into Salt Lake to control a theater where their productions, as well as the independent attractions, could be given. The playhouse was spic and span new, and there was everything that was necessary to make the comfort and convenience of patrons.

No mistake was made in the selection of "The Gay Musician" to open the house. It was the best thing that had been ever seen here, and when the big audience left the playhouse they left it in the conviction that it was a comic opera that will last.

The story of the opera in brief is that Marie and Maud Granville are the loves of Eugene Dubois, composer. The first named is his sister, and the second, a divorcee, Marie, to marry the prima donna, who will be able to get his opera produced. He has some regrets about the divorce, and so he conceals them.

The fun starts in earnest when Marie decides to marry a well-proposed man, who is really the father of Eugene; and Eugene's former mother-in-law gaily accepts her sea-captain lover of a date, some score of years earlier, with a triple wedding, with plenty of incongruity, with the former wife of Eugene becoming his mother-in-law.

The second act, when Marie and the prima donna almost come to blows, and a magnificent singing, orchestra and chorus, and Marie and Eugene affectionately into the arms of Eugene, her former and appropriate life mate.

The comedy, presenting "The Gay Musician" is, as said, an exceptionally clever one. In the selection, Manager Slocum made a mistake. The prima donna, Texas Guinan, is an unusual handsome woman. She has a magnificent voice, a personality of her own and a charm of manner that made her a hit immediately when she appeared. Perhaps her best solo was "A Cup of Tea," and she was recalled again and again.

Others in the company are: Lottie Kendall, whose song, "The Saucy Sparrow," caused her to be recalled several times. Then came Freda King, who in her songs and dances also made a hit with the big audience. Margaret Crawford, the mother-in-law of Eugene, was likewise more than clever. Harry Benham, who enacted the role of Eugene Dubois, has a fine voice, and his songs were brought out in that delightful "Love Light." The comedian of the opera is Roger Gray, and his song, "Disposition," was the big hit of the evening.

W. H. Pringle, as George Fish, retired sea captain, also made a hit with the audience and was recalled several times. The recipient of hearty applause. Then the duets and trios and quartettes and the ensembles were all exceptional.

"The Gay Musician" will run the balance of the week, with a matinee on Saturday. Indications are that capacity audiences will greet the company at all performances. It is the prettiest comic opera seen in Salt Lake in years.

Unless all signs tell, the Salt Lake theater this evening will be filled with as brilliant an audience as has assembled in that playhouse for months. The magnet that is attracting them is George M. Cohan and his big musical comedy company, almost direct from the Knickerbocker theater, New York City, who will present for the first time in Salt Lake "Young Mr. Cohan's much-heralded, and from all accounts, highly entertaining play, "The Yankee Prince," which will be shown on the stage of the theater, with all the careful attention to details that has characterized its long run in the East. The usual procedure when

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Away back in the long ago—no, not the long ago, for that would be unfair—there lived in Waco, Tex., Michael Guinan. He was a railroad man—and was the traffic manager of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad—and he was his headquarters. This was in the central part of the Lone Star state. It was a railroad center. Here, as said, lived Michael Guinan and his wife. There were other Guinans in Texas. There are yet. But Michael and his wife lived in Waco. She was a recognition of the Guinan family had a love for the Lone Star state. There were Guinans in other states then—there are now. Michael is connected with the Texas family of Texas, one of whom is United States senator from that state. Twenty years ago the stork flew over the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guinan and a beautiful baby girl was left in that home. She was pretty as a baby, she was handsome as a girl, she was beautiful as a woman.

There is and was a tradition in the Guinan family, a tradition that the first born in each family of Guinans, whether it be boy or girl, should be named "Texas." In the family of Michael Guinan the stork left a girl. She was, in accord with the family tradition, christened Texas.

And Texas was no different from other girls, except that she was prettier than most of them, and her dad, being a railroad man, could get passes for her and she could travel when and where she pleased, and she was the envy of the other girls who were not so fortunate. And when she just "grewed" up, her dear old dad was promoted, as all good railroad men are, and he had to leave the Lone Star state and move to the central state of Colorado, and, of course, Texas had to go, too. And she did.

And while the family lived in Denver, Texas attended the Denver public schools. She was not a prodigy. No Irish girl or boy was. She was just smart and chock full of native wit. Result, she progressed at school. The Denver schools taught music, just as do the Salt Lake schools today. And Texas liked music then. She does today. But, as the good fairy tells us,

"Bime by she grewed up," and in growing up she continued her desire to keep pace in the musical world, and she just studied music.

Later on her dear old father sent her to a musical conservatory in Chicago. In this conservatory she stood at the head of her class. There was a contest among 800 girls for the national prize. It was known that a merger of the Postal Telegraph company with the American Telephone and Telegraph company must follow that of the latter with the Western Union.

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Conditions Give Color to Current Reports, but Officials Make Denial.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—The report that the controlling interest in the Western Union Telegraph company, obtained by the American Telephone and Telegraph company, would lead to a closer community of interest between the companies and the Postal Telegraph company, and especially an ultimate merger of the three companies, was given more color today when officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph company frankly said that the Postal company was the largest single stockholder in their company.

President Theodore N. Vail of the American Telephone and Telegraph company is in Boston today, it is said, conferring with other high officials of the company and with the plans of the new commission, in regard to the Postal's interest, and other matters would be considered.

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